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withdrew his candidacy

Post of First Secretary of the FDJ Central Committee in Erfurt. No information was known on a new assignment for Honecker. On 23 May, Stoph and Heinz Hoffmann severely criticized Honecker in the presence of Walter Ulbricht because of the failure of the FDJ recruitment campaign for the KVP. It is believed, however, that this criticism had nothing to do with Honecker's release as First Secretary of the FDJ Central Committee.

[redacted] Honecker himself requested his release [redacted]  
[redacted] Ulbricht suggested that Namockel be appointed  
First Secretary of the FDJ.

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